

INTERACTIVE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR
OPTIMIZING SERVICE ECONOMY

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A central location of a telephone switching system
is placed where favorable local exchange tariffs are
available. The central location includes a caller
responsive unit which compares the caller identifi-
cation accompanying the call attempt against a
10 prestored list of identification data assigned to
authorized system users. A positive comparison
result causes the system to signal to the originator
to terminate the call attempt. The system
thereafter calls the originating caller telephone
from the central location. The system allows the
15 originating caller to input the number of the party
to whom a connection is desired by the originator.
The system responds by establishing a connection
with the called party and bridges communications
between the called and calling parties at the
20 central location. The system includes the
capability of employing audio responses of various
types to calling or called parties.

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